

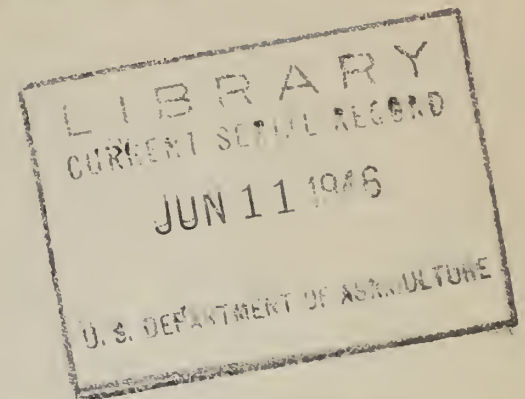
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DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - Butter markets were firm during the past week, with the supply position, while showing definite signs of easing, still tight enough to restrict open market trading.

Eggs - The decline in egg production from week to week is not so large as earlier in the season. Sales showed a slight upturn following the letup in Army buying, coupled with a larger use of cold storage stocks.

Poultry - There is no let up in civilian demand for dressed poultry. No increase in supplies was apparent due to the rapid movement of stocks. Dressed turkeys are becoming available in much larger numbers, but the Army continues to take all except lower grades.

MEAT

Beef - A fairly broad demand for beef was in evidence, while general supplies continued below the daily requirements.

Lamb - There was a rather liberal volume of lamb cuts available, with all grades finding a ready clearance.

Pork - The volume of pork cuts continued very scant for a broad inquiry.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Apples, peaches and grapes are the best buys on the fresh fruit market. The ceiling price on grapes has been lowered. This week and next week is the peak of the peach season. There are several varieties of fresh prunes available in good supply. Standard variety of prunes is in good supply and are one of the better varieties for canning. Bartlett pears from Lake county are selling at or just under ceiling. Cantaloups are in rather light supply this week. The apricot season is over. Watermelons are in moderate to liberal supply and selling at ceiling.

Lettuce, green peppers, tomatoes and cucumbers are the best buys of the fresh vegetables. Cucumbers and peppers are very low priced. Tomatoes are in a rather wide price range from slightly to considerably below ceiling. Snap beans are moderately priced and in slightly lighter volume this week. Corn is higher. Onions are at ceiling. Potatoes are in moderate supply selling at ceiling. Squash is a little higher.

